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Paper No. 15

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES**

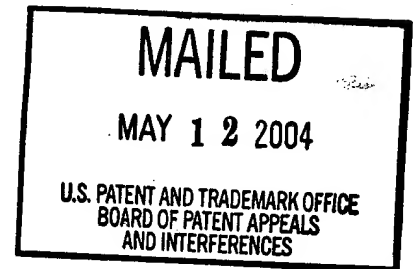
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Ex parte LARS SEVERINSSON

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Application No. 09/710,962

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**ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER**

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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 17, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

On March 5, 2003, the Examiner's Answer was entered into the file (Paper No. 14). It appears, however, that examiner's Answer contains only the signature of the Primary Examiner so it is unclear whether an appeal conference took place.

The MPEP § 1208 states:

On the examiner's answer, below the primary examiner's signature, the word "Conferees:" should be included, followed by the typed or printed names of the other two appeal conference participants. These two appeal conference participants must place their initials next to their name.

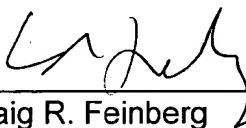
... If the examiner's answer does not contain the appropriate indication that an appeal conference has been held (i.e., including the names of the conferees and identifying themselves as the conferees along with their initials), the Board should return the application directly to the appropriate technology Center (TC) Director for corrective action.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to conduct an appeal conference, and if the rejection is maintained, for the Examiner's Answer to include the names of the appeal conference participants and their initials or signatures, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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